

HONORS BANQUET



It was standing-room-only at the University of Maryland School of Law's ninth annual Honors Banquet, held at The Center Club in Baltimore on Wednesday, April 12. Packed into the Harbor Room with lights ablaze, alumni, faculty, staff and guests gathered to pay tribute to several members of the law school community.

Newly appointed Dean Karen H. Rothenberg received a standing ovation from her warmly welcomed guests. After sustained applause, she spoke of her genuine pleasure in meeting alumni and hosting alumni events. Heralding a new era for the law school, Dean Rothenberg described the progress to date on the new building and reflected on the accomplishments of the individuals to be honored—Judge George L. Russell Jr. '54 and Stephen J. Nolan '76.

During the brief business portion of the evening, Dean Rothenberg introduced Melinda Thompson '81, immediate past president of the Alumni Association, and presented her with a gift on behalf of the

law school. Dean Rothenberg then welcomed U.S. District Court Judge Andre M. Davis '78 to his role as Alumni Association Board president.

Kenneth Thompson '76 presented the Distinguished Graduate Award to Russell; and Professor Abe Dash presented the Benjamin L. Cardin Pro Bono Service Award to Nolan. To add the state government's official seal of approval, Del. Mike Finifter '82 presented resolutions to Russell and Nolan.

Two outstanding students presented the Teacher of the Year Awards. Dawn P. LanzaLotti '00, a member of the School's National Trial Team, told about how she dreaded taking a certain law school class, only to have her opinion of the subject matter entirely revised by the teaching methods of visiting professor Marin R. Scordato. A perennial favorite, Judge Frederic Smalkin again received the Adjunct Professor of the Year Award, presented by Louis Patalano IV '00, past president of the Student Bar Association.

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Above: Stephen J. Nolan '76 and the Hon. George L. Russell Jr. '54, honorees of the evening



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Top left: Essentino Lewis '00 and Jason M. St. John '00 represented the student leadership of the law school; top right: The Hon. Charles J. Muskin '83, P. Michael Nagle '79 and M. Melinda Thompson '81; middle left: Lou Patalano IV '00 presents Adjunct Professor the Year Award to the Hon. Frederic N. Smalkin; middle right: Dawn P. Lanzalotti '00 presents Teacher of the Year Award to Visiting Professor Marin R. Scordato; bottom left: The Hon. George L. Russell Jr. '54; bottom right: Dean Karen H. Rothenberg recognizes immediate past president M. Melinda Thompson '81